GT relied on faulty studies

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The editorial regarding gay Boy Scouts (Nov. 6), and your subsequent justification (Nov. 30), repeat the shameful lie that "statistically, homosexual men are much more likely to molest boys than heterosexual men." This is pure fabrication.

Dr. A. Nicholas Groth — who has twice been selected for "Who's Who in the World" — has studied this precise question for years. He writes that "Myths have long persisted in regard to gay people. One of the most insidious is the association of child molestation with homosexual behavior. A growing body of research offers no support for this notion. Pedophilia, the sexual attraction to children, in fact appears to be more a variant of heterosexuality than of homosexuality."

Continuing, he observes that "Rational, systematic and objective study dispels myths of recruitment, conversion and danger on the part of homosexual adults toward children."

Kee MacFarlane, an expert in child sexual abuse, states that "the correlation in many people's minds between homosexuality and child molesters is a fallacious one that is unsubstantiated by fact. The vast majority of known child sexual abusers are heterosexual."

Researcher David Newton reviewed all studies examining this question as of 1978 and found that they "provide no reason to believe that anything other than a random connection exists between homosexual behavior and child molestation."

The "studies" relied upon by the Gazette Telegraph were written by Paul Cameron, a psychologist who is, simply put, a fraud. He was expelled from the American Psychological Society in 1983 for violating the association's ethical principles by distorting scientific data regarding gay people. The Nebraska Psychological Association — the state of Cameron's licensure — formally disassociated itself from Cameron's activities in 1984. A 1986 condemnation by the American Sociological Society characterized Cameron's work as "statistical claims ranging from the grotesque to the absurd" and as similar to "the Nazi ideology on homosexuality."

Cameron's claims are also eerily similar to those of Nazi "scientists" concerning Jews. For example, "Racial Biology of the Jews," published in 1938 in Germany, tells us that "schizophrenia is strikingly more frequent among Jews," and that "diabetes has even been designated as the 'Jewish disease.'" Change "diabetes" to "AIDS" and "Jewish disease" to "gay disease" and the parallel is exact.

The GT's position differs in tone but not in sentiment from that of a recent article in "The Klansman," which lamented that "Today, when some queer operation sets up shop in a community, we hear a few meek Judeo-Christian voices cry out in pitiful opposition but no one will take a more militant stand and drive the offending vermin out."

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